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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1648

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1648 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing
5 Section 2.34 as follows:

6 (520 ILCS 5/2.34) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.34)

7 Sec. 2.34. Dog Trials.

8 (a) Dogs of any breed may be trained the year round in
9 accordance with the provisions of this Act.

10 (b) During the periods of time when it is unlawful to take
11 species protected by this Act, the only firearms which shall be
12 used in the training of dogs from sunrise to sunset shall be
13 pistols with blank cartridges. No other gun or ammunition may
14 be in immediate possession during this time. No person or
15 persons in, along with, or accompanying the dog training party,
16 shall be in possession of any firearm or live ammunition,

1 except pistols capable of firing only blank cartridges during
2 the hours from sunset to sunrise. All organized field trials or
3 training grounds approved by the Department shall be exempt
4 from this provision.

5 (c) No field trial shall be held without a permit from the
6 Department.

7 The following Department areas shall be designated as
8 horseback field trial sites; Lee County Conservation Area, Des
9 Plaines Conservation Area, Moraine View State Park, Middle Fork
10 Fish and Wildlife Area, Hamilton County Conservation Area, and
11 Wayne Fitzgerald State Park. The Department shall provide and
12 maintain quality wildlife habitat on these sites.

13 Field trials shall be scheduled only from September 1
14 through April 30 in the Northern Zone and September 1 through
15 April 15 in the Southern Zone. The Department maintains the
16 authority to schedule and administer field trials. The boundary
17 between the Northern Zone and the Southern Zone shall be U.S.
18 Route 36. However, (i) if the opening date of the field trial
19 season falls on Sunday, the season will begin on Saturday of
20 that weekend; and (ii) if the closing date of the field trial
21 season falls on Saturday, the season will conclude on Sunday of
22 that weekend; and (iii) if during the final days of the field
23 trial season a field trial organization begins a field trial
24 which is subsequently interrupted due to inclement weather, the
25 field trial organization may complete the trial, subject to the
26 Department's approval, even though the field trial season has

1 ended. The field trial organization must complete the trial on
2 the first possible day or days. Field trials for the retrieving
3 breeds are exempt from these field trials season provisions and
4 shall have no closed season.

5 The fee for field trials shall be established by the
6 Department by rule.

7 (d) The Department is authorized to designate dog training
8 areas and to grant permits for all field trials including those
9 field trials where game birds reared under Section 3.23 are
10 released and taken in accordance with the rules and regulations
11 set forth by the Department. Applications for permits for such
12 trials and training areas shall be accompanied by detailed
13 information as to the date and the location of the grounds
14 where such trial area or training grounds is located.
15 Applicants for field trial or dog training permits must have
16 the consent of the landowner prior to applying for such permit.
17 Fees and other regulations will be set by administrative rule.

18 (e) All permits for designated dog training areas shall
19 expire March 31st of each year.

20 (f) Permit holders for designated dog training areas must
21 possess a wild game breeder's permit or a game breeding and
22 hunting preserve area permit and may utilize live bird recall
23 devices on such areas.

24 (g) Nothing shall prevent an individual from using a dog in
25 the taking of squirrel during the open season.

26 (h) All hand reared game released and shot at field trials

1 shall be properly identified with tags as provided for by this
2 Act and such birds shall be banded before they are removed from
3 the field trial area.

4 (i) Prior to holding any organized coonhound event with at
5 least 25 participants the individual or organization
6 responsible for the event is required to notify adjacent
7 landowners of the upcoming event. The notice, in writing, shall
8 be delivered to the adjacent landowners 30 days prior to the
9 organized coonhound event by certified mail. The notice shall
10 include the name of the sanctioning individual or organization
11 responsible for the organized coonhound event, the date or
12 dates, the hours of the events, the locations the events are to
13 be held and a valid, operational phone number of the
14 sanctioning individual or organization for the day of the
15 event, which shall not exceed 14 consecutive days.

16 For the purposes of this subsection "participant" means a
17 coonhound.

18 (Source: P.A. 86-920; 87-1051.)".